

a stop to The Lare and required the producers of "The Fight" to expunge the brothel scene from that otherwise admirable play, there is no teiling to wint salacious depths the New York theaters would have failen before the end of the season. The preponderant character of a season's stage out put is largely determined by the first big "hits" of the seanson. By this same token if "The Lure" and "The Fight," two of the biggest hits of the new season, had not been nipped in the bud, the present theatrical season in New York would probably have been characterized in the history of the American drama as "The Era of the Bouse of Ill Fame." It is stated on the highest authority that the success of the two plays mentioned above had induced the hasty preparation of at least a score of plays, for as early production as possible, every one of which was balder and more prurient than either "The Lure" or "The Fight." One recalls, with a smile, the furore aroused in this city less than a dozen years ago, by the production of "Mrs. Warren's Profession," a play which not only possessed some of Shaw's fineest art, but which was mild and innocuous compared with the two plays in question.

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"Sweethearis" catches on,

Monday night was a triumph for
Christle McDonald and Victor Herbert.
"Sweethearis" is the latest, and in
many respects, the best thing Herbert
has done. It is always melodious and
tuneful and in one or two passages
rises to the height of grand opera.
Monday's night audience at the New
Amsterdam applauded Miss McDonald
and her shie company most generously.

There is more than a score of the
most delightful songs imaginable in
"Sweethearts," but perhaps the best
one is "The Angelus" sung by Miss
McDonald and Thomas Conkey. The
nudlence seemed unable to get enough
of it. Among the other big song hits
were "Sweethearts," "Mother Goose,"
and "In the Convent They Never Taught
Me That." All these were sung by
alies McDonald and chorus. And speaking of choruses, it is no more than the
truth to state that this chorus has
never before been equalled in comic
opera in this city.

The book is by Harry B. Smith and

thinking her resources are incharacted bile, return their money. In the bold second act she goes to the "house" which the senator has visited. The latter, turns the tables on her by accusing her of trying to drag his daughter to her ruin. The way she

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he question. Miss Florine Arnald, as the stage nother, was delightful, in fact the rightest spot in the play. Frederio de Belleville, as the critic was very Scene From "Tess of D'Urbervilles"



Italian girl, invested her role with an overwhelming appeal.

In fact the entire cast was admirable "Nearly Married" can be heartly recthroughout, which included, in addi-tion to those already referred to, Ed-ouard Durand, Julian Little, Frank Connor, Lee Miller, Henry Bergman and Gertrude Morosini.

"Newly Married."

Supposing your wife were suing you for a diverce, and then you both discovered you were still in love and decided to go away on a new honeymoon, and then—just as you were about to be comfortably quartered in a cozy inn your brotheriniaw showed up with the news that the diorce had been granted and that you, the husband were strictly forbidden to marry again—wouldn't it get your goat?

Well that's went happened to Etree. Well that's what happened to Bruce

Well that's what happened to Bruce McRae on Friday evening at the Gaiety theater, in Edgar Selwyn's latest furce, "Newly Married," Everyone who has seen Mr. McRea, and most everyone has, will readily realize that such

theater. In Edgar Selwyn's latest furce, "Newly Married." Everyone who has seen Mr. McRea, and most everyone has, will readily realize that such a complicated situation was made right to his measure.

The action of the piece is fast and hilarious and the play proved to be one of the best laughing vehicles of the season. There is the professional corespondent, played by Virginia Pearson, who looked so lovely that we felt any wife would be justified in feeling jealous of her. The brotheriniaw killioy, was played by Jack Wesley, in a delightful vein. Ruth Shepley and Mark Smith was an appealing pair of young lovers and the others in the cast were very good. Jane Grey, as the divorced wife was a splendid foll for Mr. McRea, and the fun of the thing

will deorge Kiene, Mrs. Lesie Cafter sailed for France from New York. August 20, on the "Imperator" for the purpose of looking over the ground for a forthcoming Kleine-Cines production of "Du Barry," in which Mrs. Cafter will enact the name part.

Ropper in "Lieber Augustin."

On Salurday night De Wolf Hopper, created another star role in Lieber Augustin at the Casino. This operatta by Leo Fall, with an American version and lyries by Edgar Smith, scored a veritable triumph. The performance was brilliant, the music was in many respects the best ever heard here in light opera and the acting was superfine. All in all the audience was completely carried away by the piece.

Miss Mae De Scusa scored a personal triumph. She never sing and acted better in her life, nor perhaps quite as well. Her performance will doubtless stamp her as the leading comic opera prima donna of country. She has worked assiduously for many years to gain the top and she is there absolutely. Ropper in "Lieber Augustin."

with George Kleine, Mrs. Leslie Carter outdoor sports of all kinds, in many of salled for France from New York, which sac excels her male competitors.

striking accelerations. The story is an 20sorbing one and deals with three genlevations.

Robert Vignola will appear in one of
his celebrated Italian characterizations,
in 2 two-part feature about to be relensed by the Kalem company. As Mr.
Vignola is now a producer, his many
friends have had no opportunity of late
to see him in the photoplays.

While looking for a desired location,
director George Melford, of the Kalem
company at Glendale, Cal. had an automobile accident which tore the engine
from his methine and put the braices
out of commission. Mr. Melford was
traveling a rough mountain road and



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ciety turned out in such numbers as at the Fealy opening.

"Baby Helen," of the "Tlying A." has been doing some exceedingly clever work in the pictures of late. Although only a baby of three and one-half years, she is so carnest in the portrayals of her ports that the following illustration will show how deeply her mind is affected by her work. One night about 11 oclock, in the home of Helen, a noise was heard in the library and upon further investigation, it proved to be the violent rocking of a chair. Helen was seated in the chair fast asieop with a favorite doll clasped tightly to her breast. The spectators of this silent midnight drama stood spellbound in the doarway when Helen shouted at the top of her voice "Action! Go!" She immediately clutched more wildly at her doll and started the rocking moaning meanwhile, "O, my baby, my baby! Will you please save my baby." And promptly afterwards came the words "End it. Fifty feet." This wee bit of femininity was doing the work of both player and director in her strenuous little mind.

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"East Lynne" alterwards, an that's a real play that takes actin.

Portia—Where do ! sit?

Director—Up there on that beach, You're the judge. You keep lookin wise an' actin' as if you was runnin' the whole shebang.

Nerissa—No chance of her forgettin' to do that.

Portia—Ain't you complimentary: Now ! sin'! goin to tell you what ! heard Jake say about you.

Nerissa—Oh, come on, what was it, a boost or a knock?

Portia—It was a boost. He said you was awful well preserved.

Nerlesa—Awful sweet of you to tell me. You're lookin' pretty well yourself. I aln't seen you lookin' better since I sent them flowers to your granddaughter the day she was married.

Portia—if spitefulness kept people young you wouldn't be both yet, for a hundred years.

Director—Ladies, cut out that meowill an get ready for the machine. Petc.

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you're the prisoner here. You get down in the dock there.

Antonio—Aw. I never get no chance to show myself. An' I got this bath robe built special to show in this act.

Director—Never mind, you look so handsome they'll all see you all right.

Bassanio—Here comes Jake with whiskers on.

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IN THE WORLD OF THE MOVIES; NOTES OF THE PICTURES AND PEOPLE WHO MAKE THEM

HE Sellg company recently turned U. S. army, and he produced a real military picture, with the consent of Gen.

John Philip Sousa, the march king, is the latest moving picture recruit. He wrote and produced "The Fifth String," a weird photoplay. It will be shown in the housen running licensed films only.

picture out. The Essanay company has employed a real magician for the principal role in

a real magician for the principal role in a fishing picture.

Jess Robinson, formerly of El Paso, will soon be seen in a number of good parts in the Labin pictures. Jess is rapidly pushing to the front as a photo-play actor.

An enstern critic suggests a closed season for the following characters: The outlies, the sheriff, queen of the ranch, the gambler, bandit (both foreign and domestic), the half breed and

the copyright laws.

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"The Forbidden Way" is a three-reel feature that tells of the life of the underworld—the world of the thief, the crook and the highwayman—that is said to be most intensely interesting and dramatic. It has been a big hit in and dramatic. It has been a big hit in the cast. * # # "The Statue of Fright" is one of the new two-reel dramas that is said to send a creepy sensation over the audience. It has to do with the substitution of the body of a dead girl for a statue ordered from the girls father by her former lover, who has litted has and is about to marry gain